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OF SUCH VESSELS, AND AN  
IMMUNOLOGICAL ASSAY  
METHOD AND APPARATUS  
IMPLEMENTING SUCH SETS  
OF VESSELS

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

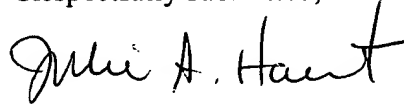
Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed September 19, 2005 and several of the Office actions.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for the allowance of Claims 6-11, 15-17, 19-21, and 23 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of independent Claims 11, 16, 17, and 23 and are not the only reasons that Claims 6-11, 15-17, 19-21, and 23 are allowable. Claims 11, 16, 17, and 23 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art. Additionally, each of dependent Claims 6-10, 15 and 19-21 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

As such, Claims 6-11, 15-17, 19-21, and 23 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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